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MULTIPLEXING/DEMULTIPLEXING DEVICES

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RESPONSE TO THIRD ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2002, Applicants elect the claims in Group II, Species (1) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-145 have been subjected to a restriction requirement. In particular, restriction is required to one of two groups: claims 1-34, 65-100 and 132-145 (Group I), directed to a diffraction grating which is insensitive to polarization for at least a range of 30nm; and claims 35-64 and 101-131 (Group II), directed to a